



Arkansas State University  
Dean B. Ellis Library

# Library **AMERICAN LITERATURE** Resources

<http://www.library.astate.edu>

Many types of resources are available to you through the Dean B. Ellis Library. This guide is intended to help you find both print and online American literature resources. Please note: this guide is only a starting point for your research, it is not meant to be a comprehensive list of resources. If you need further assistance, please visit the Information Desk in the library.

## Finding Books In The Dean B. Ellis Library

All books in the library are arranged by subject using the Library of Congress classification system for call numbers and subject headings. The call numbers for American Literature begin with “PN” and “PS”. The basic breakdown is as follows:

PN1 – PN6790	- Literature (General)	PS221 – PS228	- 19 <sup>TH</sup> century
PS1 – PS3576	- American Literature	PS261 – PS267	- South Region
PS126 - PS138	- Biography	PS301 – PS325	- Poetry
PS147 – PS152	- Women authors	PS330 – PS352	- Drama
PS185 – PS195	- 17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> centuries	PS360 – PS379	- Prose
PS201 – PS217	- 18 <sup>th</sup> century	PS451 – PS478	- Folk Literature

The numbers that follow these beginning letters relate to the narrower scope of the item, for example: the call number PS266 .A8 represents books about southern literature specifically related to Arkansas, and the call number PS266 .M7 is for books about southern literature of Mississippi. An example of a specific call number for a book entitled *Contemporary Arkansas Authors: a Selective Bibliography* is PS266 .A8 R29.

Occasionally a totally different call number will appear. This means the item is about more than American literature and higher importance was given to the other subject when the call number was assigned.

## Selected Reference Books

*The Reference collection is located on the second floor of the library.*

Contemporary Authors: A Bio-bibliographical Guide to Current Writers in Fiction, General Nonfiction, Poetry, Journalism, Drama, Motion Pictures, Television and Other Fields. Detroit: Gale, 1962-2004. **REF Z1224 .C6**

Contemporary Literary Criticism, 188 vol. Detroit: Gale, 1973-2004. **REF PN771 .C59**

Dictionary of Literary Biography, 298 vol. Detroit: Gale, 1978-2004. **REF PS21 .D5**

Drama Criticism, 22 vol. Detroit: Gale, 1991-2004. **REF PN1601 .D59**

Elder, John, ed. American Nature Writers. New York: Scribner's, 1996. **REF PS163 .A6 1996**

Flora, Joseph M. Lucinda H. MacKethan, and Todd Taylor, eds. The Companion to Southern Literature: Themes, Genres, Places, People, Movements, and Motifs. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State U, 2002. **REF PS261 .C55 2002**

Gabler-Hover, Janet and Robert Sattelmeyer, eds. American History Through Literature, 1820-1870. 3 vols. Detroit: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006. **REF PS217 .H57 A84 2006**

Hunter, Jeffrey, and Jerry Moore, eds. Black Literature Criticism: Excerpts from Criticism of the Most Significant Works of Black Authors over the Past 200 Years. Detroit: Gale, 1992. **REF PS153 .N5 B556 1992**

Magill's Literary Annual. 2 vols. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem, 2007. **REF PN44 .M35**

Malinowski, Sharon, ed. Gay & Lesbian Literature. Detroit: St. James, 1994. **REF PN56 .H57 G36 1994**

Nelson, Emmanuel S., ed. Greenwood Encyclopedia of Multiethnic American Literature. 5 vols. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2005. **REF PS153.M56 G74 2005**

Poetry Criticism: Excerpts from Criticism of the Works of the Most Significant and Widely Studied Poets of World Literature. Detroit: Gale, 1991. **REF PN1010 .P499 1991**

Parini, Jay, ed. Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature. 4 vol. New York: Oxford UP, 2004. **REF PS21 .E537 2004**

Short Story Criticism, 71 vol. Detroit: Gale, 1988-2004. **REF PN3373 .S386**

Unger, Leonard, ed. American Writers: A Collection of Literary Biographies. 4 vols. New York: Scribner, 1974-1981. **REF PS129 .A55**

West-Durraan, Alan, ed. Latino and Latina Writers. 2 vols. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2004. **REF PS153.H56 L39 2004**

## **Current Books That Can Be Checked Out**

*\*\*You can use the call number to browse the shelf for similar materials\*\* These books are labeled "General Collection" in the online catalog and are located on the third, fourth, and fifth floors of the library. If the books are checked out you may place a recall or hold at the Circulation desk.*

Anderson, Lisa M. Black Feminism in Contemporary Drama. Urbana: U of Illinois P, 2008. **PS338.N4 A48 2008**

Bomarito, Jessica and Jeffrey Hunter, eds. Feminism in Literature: A Gale Critical Companion. 6 vols. Detroit: Gale, 2005. **PN471 .F43 2005**

Fitzpatrick, Kathleen. Anxiety of Obsolescence: The American Novel in the age of Television. Nashville: Vanderbilt UP, 2006. **PS371 .F58 2006**

Goldstein, David S., and Audrey Thacker, eds. Complicating Constructions: Race, Ethnicity, and Hybridity in American Texts. Seattle: U of Washington P, 2007. **PS153.M56 C65 2007**

Kranser, David. American Drama 1945-2000: An Introduction. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006. **PS352 .K73 2006**

Larson, Nella. Passing: Authoritative Text, Backgrounds and Contexts, Criticism. New York: W.W. Norton, 2007. **PS3523.A7225 P37 2007**

Trethewey, Natasha D. Native Guard. 1<sup>st</sup> Mariner Books ed. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007.  
**PS3570.R433 N38 2007**

## Online Databases, Indexes & Abstracts

*Some of these databases provide the full text of the articles, while others provide only citations and/or abstracts. All are accessed by clicking on the "Article Databases" link from the library homepage.*

Database	Full Text	Other Information
<b>Academic Search Complete</b>	Some	Broad subject database with strong coverage of literature
<b>American Memory</b>	All	Gateway to the Library of Congress's resources of digitized American historical materials including literature collection
<b>Book Review Digest Plus</b>	Some	Citations and abstracts for book reviews in leading periodicals
<b>Humanities Index</b>	No	Index of scholarly sources in the humanities, 1984 to the present
<b>JSTOR</b>	All	Core scholarly journals in literature from the earliest issues to within a few years of current publication
<b>Literary Index</b>	No	Index of Gale's major literature publications including <i>Dictionary of Literary Biography</i> and others
<b>MLA Directory of Periodicals</b>	No	Detailed information on literature, linguistics, language, and folklore journals
<b>MLA International Bibliography</b>	Some	Citations of journal articles, books, and dissertations from the 1920's
<b>Project MUSE</b>	All	Interdisciplinary database with strong coverage of literature and other humanities subjects

## Available Print Journals In The Dean B. Ellis Library

*Print journals from 1980 to present are located on the second floor in the tower and are shelved alphabetically by the title of the journal.*

Agni	Mark Twain Journal
Afro-Hispanic Review	Mid-American Review
American Literary Realism, 1870-1910	Nebo
Beloit Fiction Journal	New Letters
Crazyhorse	Poetry
Early American Literature	Southern Humanities Review
ESQ	Southern Literary Journal
Explicator	Studies in Short Fiction
Iowa Review	Western American Literature

## Currently Available Online Journals

*Online journals are accessed via the library's web page by clicking on "Electronic and Print Journals Catalog".*

Online Journal Title	Available Through
African American Review	<b>JSTOR, Academic Search Complete</b>
American Literary History	<b>JSTOR, Project MUSE</b>
American Literary Scholarship	<b>Project MUSE</b>
American Literature	<b>JSTOR, Duke University Press</b>
ANQ	<b>Academic Search Complete, Heldref Publications</b>

Arkansas Review	Academic Search Complete
Callaloo	JSTOR, Project MUSE
ELH	JSTOR, Project MUSE
Emily Dickinson Journal	Project MUSE
Henry James Review	Project MUSE
New Literary History	JSTOR, Project MUSE
Nineteenth-Century Literature	JSTOR, University of California Press

## Web Sites

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/homepage/lchp.html> Library of Congress  
<http://www.mla.org/> MLA Modern Language Association of America  
<http://lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/AmeLit.html> American Authors on the Web  
<http://www.writing.upenn.edu/~afilreis/50s/home.html> Literature & Culture of the American 1950s  
<http://www.lehigh.edu/~dek7/SSAWW/> Society for the Study of American Women Writers  
<http://voices.cla.umn.edu/> Voices from the Gap: Women Artists and Writers of Color  
[http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/writers\\_aa19/](http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/writers_aa19/) African American Women Writers of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/southlit/texts.html> Library of Southern Literature  
<http://www.olemiss.edu/mwp/> Mississippi Writers Page  
<http://www.nativewiki.org/> Storytellers: Native American Authors Online  
<http://www.ipl.org/div/natam/> Internet Public Library: Native American Authors  
<http://www.hti.umich.edu/a/amverse/> American Verse Project  
<http://www.poetrysociety.org/> Poetry Society of America  
<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/> Modern American Poetry  
<http://www.lettrs.indiana.edu/web/w/wright2/> Wright American Fiction, 1851-1875  
<http://www.lib.pdx.edu/systems/interplay/> Interplay: online index to plays  
<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/american.html> Literary Resources on the Net: American Literature  
<http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/sites.htm> American Literature Sites

## Media

*All media items are located in the Media Services department on the first floor of the library.*

August Wilson. DVD. South Bank Show. Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2004. **PN1997 .A941 2004**

Richard Wright—Black Boy. DVD. Written, produced, and directed by Madison D. Lacy. Dramatic scenes directed by Horace Ove. San Francisco, CA: California Newsreel, 2004. **PS3545.R815 R532 2004**

Skellings, Edmund. Word Songs. DVD. Ft. Lauderdale, FL: Florida Center for Electronic Communication, Florida Atlantic U, 2003. **PS615 .S54 2003**

Talk With David Adler. Videocassette. Scarborough, NY: Tim Podell, 2000. **PS129 .T353 2000**

Tennessee Williams and the American South. Videocassette. Princeton: Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 1999. **PS3545 .I5365 T46 1999**

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